



**DX bulletin 597**  
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## **DX news**

### **5N9DTG Nigeria -update**

5N9DTG team are still waiting on their additional CW op to have his entry visa stamped. As soon as that happens they head to Nigeria.

### **AU2V Sacrifice Rock AS-161 -update February 4**

Sarath VU2RS reports that all gear has arrived safely in Calicut (Kozhikode). He leaves home tomorrow (5th) and meets rest of the team next day. Sarath mentions that internet access will be spotty after Feb 7th, but will keep us updated from Sacrifice Rock. Full details of activity below.

- Schedule: February 7-10, 2025.
- Grid Locator: MK71sl.
- Location: 11.49390° N, 75.52950° E.
- Frequencies and Propagation: Check AU2V [website](#)

### **VU4AX Andaman Islands -update/call change**

There are currently major changes ongoing at the licensing department in India. Although WPC previously confirmed that the callsign 1ot he1s Dxpedition would be VU4X, it has now been officially changed to VU4AX. A new press release will follow later this week – source

### **9L5A Sierra Leone -update**

Of recent 9L5A DXpedition. You can even watch it in 4K if your equipment allows by opening the video in You Tube and changing the resolution. I hope you will have as much fun watching it as I had making it. 73, F2DX Patrick. <https://www.dx-world.net/9l5a-sierra-leone-dxpedition/>

### **V73WW Marshall Islands DXpedition -update**

Last updates on the laptops are being done before packing the last bits and pieces into the luggage. We are just a few days off for our departure to the Pacific! We are very grateful for the worldwide support. Check them all out [here](#).

### **3Y0K Bouvet Island -update by Ken LA7GIA**

In one year – 1st February 2026 – we depart from Cape Town to Bouvet Island. Follow our adventure on [3y0k.com](https://3y0k.com) with Icetugs and Ultimate Aviation. Preparations are at full speed ahead!

### **Antarctica KC4/BK1EHE and KC4/KHBIFZ -update**

With Eric & Elsie now safely back in Chile, they report first hand how quickly the weather in Antarctica can turn brutally dangerous. "It is untamed and extreme", said Eric. Together with a couple of pictures while operating from ship's Bridge, below is a short 10 second video clip of KC4/BK1EHE & KC4/KB1IFZ in action. <https://www.dx-world.net/kc4-kb1ehe-kc4-kb1ifz-antarctica/>

Final words from Eric & Elsie:

*'We look forward to collaborating with DX-WORLD on another Dxpedition. You added an extra dimension of fun to the adventure. We really enjoyed our interaction.'*



### **3Y0L Peter I Island 2027 -update**

Peter I DXpedition team is proud to announce today the signing of a vessel contract with ICETUGS [www.icetugs.com](http://www.icetugs.com) that will take us to Peter I Island in February 2027 where we intend to stay 3 weeks around the island. ICETUGS, an Iceland based company, has an excellent track record in providing services for expeditions, cargo and fuel supplies, tugging, as well as rescue and camp setup in the Arctic and Antarctic regions. ICETUGS is the same company that will take Team Bouvet to their destination in 2026.

<https://www.dx-world.net/peter-1-island-dxpedition-2027/>

### **9N7AA Nepal -update by Robert**

After the unsuccessful attempt at the beginning of January, I have now focused on a different geographical area to bring the low bands on the air. Last Thursday I travelled down to the Terai region close to Chitwan National Park and set up 30 and 40m antenna in a less densely populated area, within the premises of a local lodge, staying only for a single night.

After setting up the antenna, 30 and 40m sounded nice and quiet. I tidied up things and after a while, not really remembering everything I did in the meantime, I noticed a very sharp increase in the noise level, from S1 to S9+20, literally wiping out all the signals. It was clear there is culprit somewhere in a vicinity. Very quickly I managed to isolate a LED floor light in the toilet. There were at least 10 other LEDs in the bungalow but no problem with them! <https://www.dx-world.net/9n7aa-nepal/>

## **DXCC**

### **This week on air**

**This can change daily, please visit <https://www.dx-world.net/> for updates.**

#### **Africa trip by Antonio IK7WUL**

Antonio is going on a humanitarian mission to Africa, during his spare time he might be QRV (most likely on 10 meter SSB) as:

**BURKINA FASO** January 26-31 callsign pending

**GHANA** February 1-6 9G5IK

**TOGO** February 6-14 5V0DX

**BENIN** February 14-23 TY2AA

## Central American Tour 2025 by the RRC team

Russian Robinson Team consisting Alex RW3RN, Hal W8HC, Mike K5MSK, Slava OK8AU, Raisa R1BIG, Tim NL8F, Vlad R9LR and Yuri N3QQ will be active from Central American DXCC entities (covering IOTA and POTA) during February 11 to March 7, 2025. As follows:

**YN6RRC** – Complejo volcánico San Cristóbal, POTA NI-0055 (Nicaragua)

**H7RRC** – Isla Del Cardon, NA-212 (Nicaragua)

**TI1RRC** – Isla Cano, NA-117 & POTA CR-0018 (Costa Rica)

**3F3RRC** – Chirique, POTA PA-0033 (Panama)

All calls are currently pending. QSL via LoTW or via M0OXO and RW3RN (RU/EW only).

**5N, NIGERIA** The Rebel DX Group will be QRV for 2 weeks. They sign as 5N9DTG. Then it's on to South Africa to prepare their vessel for a Southern Ocean voyage. Bandplan and modes

<https://www.qrz.com/db/5N9DTG>

**5V, TOGO** Prior to his humanitarian trip to Benin (as TY2AA), Antonio IK7WUL will also be visiting Togo again - this time between February 6-14, 2025. QRV only when time permits. QSL via I8KHC

**6W, SENEGAL** Willy ON4AVT is once again active as 6X7/call until April 10. Operation from 80 to 10 meter using SSB, digi and QO-100 sat. QSL via home call, Club Log.

**7P, LESOTHO** Mark KW4XJ and Arina KO4PZT are QRV as 7P8AB and 7P8NB until mid-2025. QSL via KW4XJ.

**8Q, MALDIVES** Ilian, LZ5KW is QRV as 8Q7KW for about 15 days until 2<sup>nd</sup> week of February. Operation in 'holiday-style' with portable equipment from 80 to 10 meter using mainly CW with some SSB and FT8.

**8R, GUYANA** Aldir, PY1SAD is once again active as 8RTM from Georgetown (Grid: GJ06vs) until February 8. Operation on all bands using CW, SSB, digi and SAT. QSL via LoTW or via home call direct.

## QSL preview



**9X, RWANDA** Harold, DF2WO is once again QRV as 9X2AW until February 15. Operation in 'holiday-style' on QO-100 and all other bands using CW, SSB and FT4.

**C5, THE GAMBIA** Przemo, SP3PS is once again operating as C5SP until mid-March. Operation from 80 to 10 meter using SSB and FT8. QSL via home call.

**C6, THE BAHAMAS** Chip, K1KJD and John K4SGR will be active as C6ADA between February 12-16, 2025. Activation of 2 new POTA and as many lighthouses as possible. QRV on HF using CW and SSB with some FT8. More to follow.

**D4, CAPE VERDE** Claudio, HB9OAU is operating from Sal Island (AF-086) as D44OA until February 18. Activity in 'holiday-style' from 40 to 10 meter using CW, SSB and FT8. QSL via LoTW.

**FR, REUNION ISL** Arnaud, F4JUQ is active as FR/call until February 17. Activity on various bands and modes. QSL via home call.

**H4, SOLOMON ISL** Bernard, DL2GAC will once again be active as H44MS between February 9 and May 7, 2025. QRV from Manakwai Village from 80 to 6 meter using SSB and FT8.

**HR, HONDURAS** Gerard, F2JD is operating as HR5/call until late March 2025. Operation on HF and 6 meter using CW, SSB and FT4/8. QSL via F6AJA direct or bureau.

<https://lesnouvellesdx.fr/voirlogs.php>

**HP, PANAMA** Bob, NC6Q is active as HP1TT until February 17. QRV on 40, 20, 15 and 10 meter using CW and SSB. QSL via home call.

**J5, GUINEA-BISSAU** Livio, IZ3BUR is operating as J52EC until March 1 during his spare time. Operation on 20, 15 and 10 meter using SSB and perhaps some digi. QSL via home call.

**J7, DOMINICA** Oliver, W6NV will be QRV as J79NV during February 2025. Operation mainly for the ARRL CW and SSB contest. He will be a single operator in the ARRL CW contest and then join with FM6BH (J79BH), F8AAN (J79AN) and F5VHJ (J79AC) for the ARRL SSB contest.

**JD1, MINAMI TORISHIMA** Take, JG8NQJ is once again active as call/1 until mid-February. Activity mainly in CW with some FT8. QSL via JA8CJY, LoTW.

**P2, PAPUA NEW GUINEA** Xu, BG5DON is active during his spare time as P29XZ until end May. Operation mainly in the weekends from 20 to 6 meter using FT8 with low power. QSL via home call.

#### QSL preview



**P4, ARUBA** Marty, KE4TT will be active as P4/call between February 7 and March 11. QRV on HF using CW, SSB and FT8. QSL via LoTW, Club Log or home call.

**PJ2, CURACAO** Thaire, W2APF is active as PJ2/call until April 8. Activity from 80 to 10 meter using CW, SSB and FT8. QSL via home call, LoTW.

**PJ7, ST MAARTEN** Jeff, VA3QLS is operating as PJ7/call until February 16. Activity in 'holiday-style' from 40 to 6 meter using CW, SSB and digi. QSL via home call, LoTW.

**S7, SEYCHELLES** Bruno, VE3BRU is active as S79/call until February 20. Operation from 40 to 10 meter using CW and SSB. QSO's will be uploaded to Club Log and LoTW.

**TJ, CAMEROON** Thierry, TK1CX is active as TJ/call from Douala until end February 2025.

Operation on HF using FT8. QSL via EA5ZD, LoTW. Thierry mentions: *'I'm currently on a business trip in Cameroon and I'm TJ/TK1CX. For professional reasons I cannot be active very often, and more with a solar power supply. I'll try to be on the air as much as possible. My traffic will be mainly FT8 because I can't use much power because of the solar panels. I hope to be able to contact as many people as possible on 10, 12, 15, 17, 20m.'*

**TY, BENIN** Gérard F5NVF is again QRV as TY5C from Godomey until April 2. He is active mostly from 80 to 10 meter using CW and FT8. QRV in 'holiday-style' using an IC-7000, 100w & wire antennas. QSL direct via F5RAV / free LoTW.

**V3, BELIZE** Walt W0CP and Mary K0ZV are once again active as V31DJ and V31DK during February 2025. Operation on HF using SSB and FT8, an entry in the ARRL DX CW contest is included. QSL via LoTW.

**V4, ST KITTS** Tom, K0YA will be active as V4/call between February 6 and March 4 (from V47JA QTH). QRV in 'holiday-style' with an entry in the ARRL International DX CW contest as V47Y. QSL via LoTW for both calls.

**VK9C, COCOS KEELING** Larry, W5EIT will be QRV as BK9/call from West Island between

February 11-18. Operation in 'holiday-style' using mostly CW and FT8 with some RTTY and SSB.

**VP2E, ANGUILLA** Chuck, KG9N is QRV as VP2ECV until February 18. Operation on HF. QSL via home call.

**YS, EL SALVADOR** Dave, W2JO will be operating from La Libertad as YS1/call during February 12-19. QRV on HF using CW. An entry in the ARRL DX CW contest is included. QSL via N2ZN.

**ZD7, ST HELENA** Gan, KY8D will be operating as ZD7KYD between February 8-15. Operation from 60 to 10 meter using CW. QSL via LoTW or via home call, see QRZ.com.

## Coming up soon

**VK9C, COCOS KEELING**

**VK9X, CHRISTMAS ISL**

Gunter, DL2AWG and team DF4GV, DL2AMD, DJ9RR and VK6SJ will be active from Christmas Island as VK9XU between February 18 and March 4, 2025. Cocos Keeling will be on air between March 4 and March 12, 2025. QRV with 3 stations from 160 to 6 meter using CW, SSB and digi. More to follow.

**FJ, SAINT BARTHELEMY** Andreas, DK6AS will be operating during February/March (to be confirmed) as FJ/call. Operation on HF using CW and FT4/8 from grid FK87. An entry in the ARRL International DX CW contest is included (February 15-16). QSL via home call.

**FM, MARTINIQUE** Yuri, VE3DZ will once again be active as TO4A during February 13-17 and again from February 28 to March 3. An entry in the ARRL CW contest is included. Also activity outside the contest as FM/VE3DZ. QSL via home call, Club Log.

**FS, SAINT MARTIN** Jeff, VA3QSL will be operating as FS/call between February 16 and March 4. Activity in 'holiday-style' from 40 to 6 meter using CW, SSB and digi. QSL via home call, LoTW.

**KH9, WAKE ISL** Allen, KH7AL is QRV as call/KH9 during his spare time.

Next: February 17 0730z 12 meter CW, February 17 1930z 10 meter CW.

He has dipoles covering from 40 to 10 meter using SSB with some CW. He keeps an "Activation Blog" and an "Upcoming" section on <https://sites.google.com/view/kh7al/>. QSL via home call, direct or bureau. <https://kh7al.site/>

**TY, BENIN** Antonio, IK7WUL will again be on a humanitarian mission to Benin during February 14-23, 2025, and QRV (10m SSB) when time permits as TY2AA. QSL via I8KHC, LoTW.

**V7, MARSHALL ISL** Following their successful journey to Guyana under the callsign **8R7X**, the team is now setting their sights on a new destination in the Pacific region. Their next DXpedition will take them to the Marshall Islands, scheduled for February 2025.

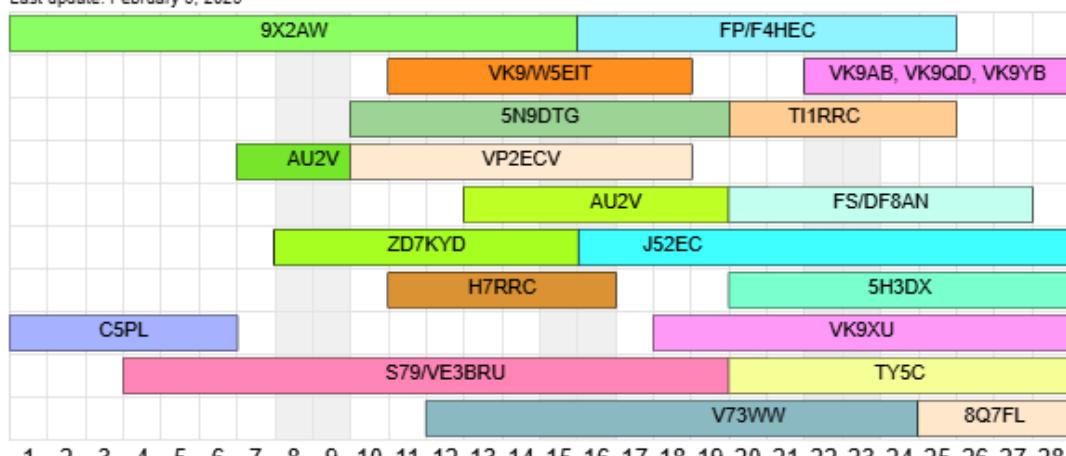
Stay tuned for more details as they become available. Additionally, the team is in the process of launching a website, which will soon be accessible.

**VP5, TURKS & CAICOS** Paul, K3STX will be active as VP5/call between February 15 and February 19. An entry in the ARRL CW contest is included. Outside the contest activity in 'holiday-style' using CW. QSL via LoTW.

## DXCC Timeline

### DXWORLD.net FEATURED DXPEDITIONS TIMELINE

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# IOTA

## This week on air

### AFRICA

**AF-024 Eden Isl** Bruno, VE3BRU is QRV as S79/call until February 20 from 40 to 10 meter using CW and SSB. QSL via Club Log, LoTW.

### ASIA

**AS-079 Miyako Isl** Take, JS6RRR is operating as JS6RRR, JI3DST/6, JJ5RBH/6 or JR8YLY/6 until March 31. Operation from 160 to 6 meter using CW, SSB and FT8. An entry in the CQWW SSB and CW contest are included as JS6RRR. More on QRZ.com.

**AS-161 Sacrifice Rock** A team (previous AU2S) will try to activate this 'holy grail' during February 7-10. Operation as AU2V. The team consists of experienced amateur radio operators, including Sara (VU2RS), Adersh (VU3WEW), Anil (VU3DXA), Sangeeth (VU2TT), Grisih (VU3GDS), and Renju (VU3TPW). The expedition's QSL Manager is Charles, M0OXO.

### OCEANIA

**OC-022 Bali** Emmanuel, F5LIT is once again QRV as YB9/call until February 16. Operation on HF. QSL via home call direct, LoTW. Previous operations were in 2018 and 2024.

**On the scene...Sacrifice Rock AS-161**



# ANNOUNCEMENTS

## Announced DX

### THE NEWCOMERS

**JW, SVALBARD** Look for LA6VM, LA7XK and LA9DL as JW6VM, JW7XK and JW9DL during October 8-13. An entry in the Scandinavian Activity Contest is included as JW5X. QSL via homecalls, JW5X via LA5X.

**HK0, SAN ANDRES** Ray, K3ARC will be QRV as HK0A between March 9 and March 19. Operation from 20 to 10 meter using CW and SSB. QSL via home call direct or LoTW.

## **THE REMINDERS**

**T30, W KIRIBATI**

**T31, C KIRIBATI**

**T32, E KIRIBATI**

**T33, BANABA**

The Rebel DX group plans following (info via facebook)

T30TTT Tarawa. Sometime 2025.

T31TTT Kanton Island. April – May 2025.

T33TTT Banaba Island. Date unknown yet but 2025.

Operation mainly FT4 but all bands and modes will be used. QSL via LoTW.

**3B9, RODRIGUES ISL** David OK6DJ and Milan OK7GU will be active as 3B9DJ between March 23 and April 5, 2025. Operation from 80 to 10 meter using CW, SSB and FT8. QSL via OK6DJ, OQRS and LoTW.

**5H, TANZANIA** Charles, NK8O will once again be active as 5H3DX between February 20 and March 6. Now Charles will have a better QTH for an antenna farm.

**6Y, JAMAICA** The EIDXG DX Group will be QRV as 6Y7EI between March 12 and March 24, 2025. More to follow.

**8Q, MALDIVES** Takio, JH3QFL will be active from the Maldives as 8Q7FL during February 26 to March 6. Activity from 40 to 6 meter using FT8. QSL via homecall.

**8Q, MALDIVES** Flavio, IW2NEF will be QRV as 8Q7EF from Filitheyo Island between April 3-10. Operation on HF using SSB and FT8. QSL via IK2DUW and LoTW.

**8Q, MALDIVES** Mamoru, JH3VAA will be active as 8Q7VA between February 26 and May . Operation on HF. QSL via home call.

**C5, THE GAMBIA** Luc F5RAV and Lui YU5R will be active from Kololi between April 19 and May 2. QRV as C5LT and C5R on HF using CW, SSB and FT8 + SATS (mostly RS44). QSL via LoTW.

**On the scene...ZD7DPX -now QRT**



**C8, MOZAMBIQUE** The Czech DX Team will be active as C8K during January/February 2026. Operation from 160 to 6 meter and QO-100, RS-44, IO-117 using CW, SSB and digi. Club Log live stream if possible. QSL via OK6DJ OQRS, LoTW. Antennas: 6m 5el. YAGI, 10m 4el. Yagi, 10-15-20 incl WARC 3 x Spiderbeam, 17/15/12m 2el. YAGI, 2x 30m phased verticals, 2x40m phased verticals, 80m vertical + 10 pcs radials, 160 vertical +10pcs radials RX: 3x Beverage + RX vertical Focus on low bands.

**E5, COOK ISL** Steve, ZL2KE will once again be active as E51KEE next August 2025. More to

follow.

**E6, NIUE** Bob, ZL1RS (YJ0RS, E51EME) will be operating as E6RS from Makefu during May 2025. More to follow but the focus will be on 6 meter and perhaps 10 meter is 6 is dead. QSL via LoTW and home call.

**E6, NIUE** Gavin ZL3GAV will be active as E6SP sometime May/June 2025. It will be a more advanced mini expedition. Extra antennas/radios including 6m and satellite operation, focus on IO117 Greencube (if still working) and other available satellites: linear/FM. More details will be advised when planning is advanced.

**FO, AUSTRAL ISL** Mladen 9A2NA, Rolando 9A3MR, Livio 9A7Y and Zik DK8ZZ/YT3ZZ will be active from Tubuai between April 25 and May 7, 2025. Focus on human modes with some FT8/FT4. They have already applied for a special TX callsign. QSL via DK8ZZ.

<https://austral2025.com/>

**FP, SAINT PIERRE & MIQUELON** The F6KOP team will be active as FP5KE from FP sometime 2025. A team with 16 operators and 7 stations will be active from 160 to 6 meter using all modes. More to follow.

**FP, ST PIERRE & MIQUELON** Fred, F4HEC will be QRV as FP/call between February 16 and February 25. Operation from 80 to 6 meter using SSB and CW. An entry in the REF Contest SSB is included. QSL via home call direct and LoTW.

**FS, ST MARTIN** Look once again for FS/K9EL between June 4 and June 18. Operation in 'holiday-style' with a focus on 6 meter when its open and limited operation on other bands. Daily Club Log uploads and LoTW uploads are planned. QSL via home call.

**FW, WALLIS & FUTUNA** The DX Obsessed Group with K6VHF, KA6IBM, 7HAN, NG7E, NJ7I and NC7M will be operating as FW5K between October 20 and November 7. An entry in the CQWW SSB contest is included. Operation before and after the contest from 160 to 6 meter using RTTY, FT4/8 and SSB with 3 stations.

**H40, TEMOTU** Darren, VK4MAP will be operating as H40DA from Pigeon Island OC-065 during early 2025, dates to be confirmed. QRV on 80, 40, 20, 15, 12 and 10 meter using SSB.

**HC8, GALAPAGOS ISL** A large team with 20 operators currently formed by HC5VF, PY2DV, PY2EL, PY2MC, PY2PT, PY2WAS, PY3MM, PY4RGS, PY5CC, PY5HSD, PY5KD, PY6HD, PY6RT, PR7AB, PY7XC, PS8RV, PV8DX, VU2RS, YL2KL, N6PSE, K3NQ, WD5COV and YT1AD will be active as HD8G between April 18 and April 27, 2025. Operation with 10 stations from 160 to 6 meter using CW, SSB and digi. QSL via M0URX OQRS, LoTW. <https://hd8q.com/>

**HK0, MALPELO** Last active in 2012 (by **HK0NA** who still maintain the 2nd highest ever QSO count for a DXpedition), the Colombian League of Radio Amateurs (HK3LR) and its Board of Directors has announced its main goal – to stage a DXpedition to Malpelo island, SA-007. It is hoped for a February 2026 activity, but this is not yet confirmed. Stay tuned for more info in the coming weeks..

**On the scene...Wake Island KH7AL/KH9**



**J3, GRENADA** Mike, VE2XB will be active as J38XB between March 17 and March 31. Activity from 160 to 10 meter using SSB with some CW. QSL via home call.

**JW, SVALBARD** Tom, LA6VDA will once again be QRV as JW6VDA during September 12-22, 2025. Activity on HF using mostly SSB. QSL via LoTW, Club Log.

**OY, FAROE ISL** The 7163 Group with WB2REM, W9MK, W2WCM, G6TFL, VO1IDX, K3BAB, K4LT and W4VKU will be operating sometime June 2025 as OY/calls. An entry in the ARRL VHF contest is included, outside the contest they will be from 160 to 6 meter using CW, SSB and FT4/8. QSL via WB2REM, Club Log.

**PJ4, BONAIRE** Frank, PH2M will once again be active as PJ4M from Kralendijk during May. Dates to be announced approx 4-6 weeks ahead of activity. QRV from 80 to 10 meter using SSB and FT8. QSL via home call, Club Log.

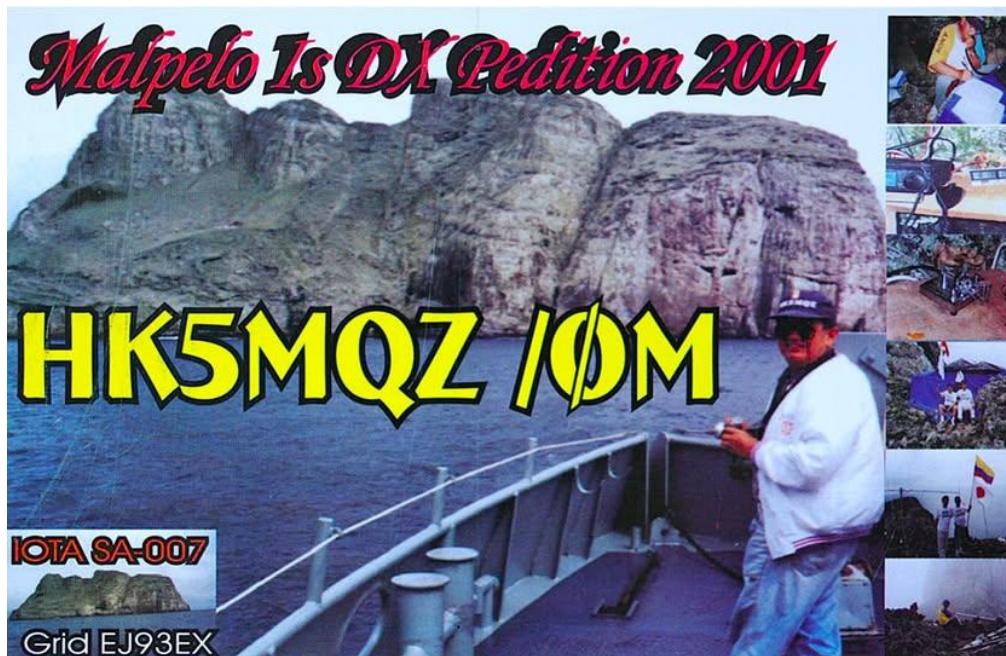
**PJ7, ST MAARTEN** Tom, AA9A will once again be QRV as PJ7AA from March 8 and April 5, 2025. Operation from 40 to 6 meter using CW, FT4/8. QSO upload via LoTW and Club Log, QSL via home call, LoTW.

**PJ7, SINT MAARTEN** Gary, KC9EE will once again be QRV as PJ7EE around mid-March 2025 and be QRV during the CQWPX SSB contest.

**PY0S, ST PETER & ST PAUL** The Araucaria DX Group will be active sometime October-November 2025. Plans are to be QRV from 160 to 6 meter using CW, SSB and FT8. There will be six local operators: Adrian, KO8SCA, Fred PY2XB, George, AA7JV, Mike KN4EEI, Peter, PY5CC, Tomi, HA7RY, as well as a number of remote operators. The RIB equipment, which makes this operation possible, was developed with the support of the Northern California DX Foundation.

<https://py0s2025.com/>

**TI9, COCOS ISL** Pending approval from all relevant authorities, Charlie TI5CDA plans an HF and EME DXpedition to Cocos Island sometime in 2025. Callsign: TI9CDA. Updates to follow throughout the coming months. (Charlie uses EA5GL as QSL manager).



**TZ, MALI** Ulmar, DK1CE will once again be QRV as TZ1CE from Bamako. Currently QRX due to uncertain flights. QRV from 160 to 10 meter using CW, SSB and FT8. QSL via home call. Ulmar mentions: 'On FT8, DX stations outside of EU have precedence at all times.'

*Based on my experience, there is not advantage to F/H mode.*

*I use only normal FT8 mode.*

*I will mostly operate on FT8 and SSB.*

*The log will be updated daily on Club Log; the LoTW log will only be available after the end of my operations in Mali.*

*In Mali operation on 60m is not permitted.'*

**V4, ST KITTS** Fred, G4XWM will be operating as V4/call between March 8 and March 29. Operation on HF using CW and SSB. QSL via LoTW and Club Log.

**VK9N, NORFOLK ISL** Members of the Caboolture ARC will be active between February 22 and March 1 as VK9QD (club station), VK9YB and VK9AB. Operation is planned on HF including 630m and 2200m trying for the world distance record on those bands.

**VP5, TURKS & CAICOS** During most of March, Kevin W1DED will be in Turks & Caicos. Although

not yet confirmed, he hopes to be QRV for CQ WPX contest as VP5E. Outside of contest look for VP5/W1DED on HF bands. QSL via LoTW.

**NOTE:** Kevin hosts and interviews well known ham radio operators from around the world – see his You Tube [channel](#).

**VU4, ANDAMAN ISL** A team with ON4AMX, ON4HIL, ON5UR, ON5RA, ON5TN, ON6CC, ON7FT, ON7USB, ON7RU, ON8AZ, PA9M and PA3EWP have announced that they will be on the air as VU4X from Andaman Islands during March 10-25, 2025. QRV on HF bands; CW, SSB and DIGI. *'Dx-Adventure is proud to announce its next DXpedition, taking place in the first quarter of 2025. Our international team, consisting of more than 10 experienced operators, is eager to embark on this adventure.....'*

*This time, we are focusing on VU4 from the Andaman and Nicobar Islands, currently ranked 54th most wanted DXCC country. During this DX expedition, we will be active on all bands, using CW, SSB and digital.*

*This provides a fantastic opportunity for radio amateurs around the world to work this DXCC and IOTA.*

*There will be more updates on our [website](#) – stay tuned for the latest news and details.'*

**YJ, VANUATU** Bob, ZL1RS (last year as E51EME) will be active from Efate, Vanuatu as YJ0RS in June '25. More details to follow, however focus on 6m and possibly 10m (if 6 is "dead"). QSL via LoTW and paper QSL cards will also be available via ZL1RS.

**ZC4, CYPRUS SBA** Adrian, G0KOM will once again be active as ZC4MK during March 24-31. An entry in the CQ WPX SSB contest is included.

**ZD9, TRISTAN DA CUNHA** DX-World has learned that a Tristan da Cunha DXpedition is in the works for 2025. Whilst it is quite some time away, we have gleaned the following info.

It will be a 3-4 month long DXpedition to ZD9 which could be extended by another 2-3 months bringing it to (potentially) 6+ months. The additional months could depend on PayPal donations / extra donors. Focus is going to be on CW & SSB. There will be VERY LIMITED usage of FT8.

Infact, FT8 will ONLY be used on 80 & 160 meters. Bands of operation will be 10 meters to 160 meters. 1kW to monoband heavy duty vertical antennas due to Tristan da Cunha's very inhospitable weather.

**ZK3, TOKELAU** A QSP from the Rebel DX Group ZK3ZK: on target for around mid-June.

'We will be doing some delivery on one of our vessels for Tokelau. For now Tokelau borders remain closed due to several local issues. More info soon.'

**ZK3, TOKELAU** Hrane YT1AD and team YU3AA, RC9O and UA9OYL will be active from Tokelau beginning 2025. The reason is that New Zealand's State activities on the island of Tokelau during February and March, which have PRIORITY!

## **IOTA**

### **THE NEWCOMERS**

#### **EUROPE**

**EU-095 Ratonneau Isl** Fred, F5OZK will be QRV as TM13X during February 23-24. An entry in the REF cup is included from 80 to 10 meter using SSB. QSL via bureau. More on QRZ.com.

#### **SOUTH AMERICA**

**SA-088 Santana de fora Isl** Look for Fabio, PP5BZ as ZW5W during February 21-23. Due to the conditions of embarkation and disembarkation on the island, Fabio reports the activity will be subject to weather conditions. It is an uninhabited island with no anchoring infrastructure, making the operation difficult and posing a great risk. The operation will be in the 10, 15, 20 and 40m; SSB and CW. QSL via H/c.

### **THE REMINDERS**

#### **NORTH AMERICA**

**NA-079 Dry Tortugas** The N4T team will be operating between February 21 and February 25, 2025. Main goal is 6 meter operation from the rare grid EL84 and from various POTA parks. QSL via W3NY.

**NA-190 Isla Zcatillo** Renato PY8WW will be active as YS3PY together with PY7RP, PY7XC and PY1WK. Operation between May 7 and May 17 from 80 to 6 meter. Renato mentions: *"as they activate this rare island, combining the thrill of amateur radio with exploration"*

**NA-220 Maniitsoq Isl** Joe, OZ0J will once again be QRV as OX0J sometime September 2025. Activity from 40 to 10 meter depending on free space for antennas. QSL via Club Log OQRS (prefer), LoTW or H/C. Joe will try to participate in the SAC CW on ONE band only if condx are

good, and will also operate on CW, SSB and FT8 (mostly Fox/Hound) before SAC CW. Depends on local weather, he will put up the antennas on 13 September and take down on 22 September. Club Log Live Stream will be added if the Internet connection is stable. Information will be updated continuously **here** (and DX-World).

## **OCEANIA**

**OC-059 Kosrae** Rikk, WE9G will be operating as V6WG during March 18 and April 1. QRV from 80 to 6 meter (160 might be possible) using mainly FT4/8 with some CW and SSB. QSL via Club Log.

**OC-067 Bora Bora** Nobby, G0VJG will be QRV during June 11-27 as FO/call. Operation on HF and 6 meter using high power.

**OC-235 Camiguin Isl** Kouichi, JI1FGX/DU9 is planning an IOTA DXpedition during next April-June when conditions on 50Mhz are more favourable. This will apparently be the first 6m activation from the island. He will use a HexBeam covering: 14, 18, 21, 24, 28, and 50MHz with the main mode being FT8. QSL via JJ2VLY, LoTW. <https://www.qrz.com/db/JI1FGX>

## **ARCTIC NEWS**

### **Aboa Station**

After several days of antenna testing, Mika OH2FFP is now active from Aboa Research Station (AN-016), Antarctica as OJ1ABOA when time permits. He is there until February 12, 2025. Check 20m SSB (14155) for future ref. QSL via H/c. - source F8DVD.



### **Bharati Research Station**

Denney, VU2DGR is part of the scientific team (Polar Ocean Research) within the 44th Indian Scientific Expedition to Antarctica (44-ISEA) which will be based at Bharati Research Station, Larsemann Hills. When time permits he hopes to QRV as **AT44I**. QSL via H/c.

### **Neumayer Station III**

Felix, DL5XL will again be returning to **Neumayer Station III**, Antarctica and hopes to be active as **DP1POL** when time permits during January 12 to February 25, 2025. He operates mainly CW on HF bands, with some DIGI and SSB activity too. QSL via DL1ZBO. New QSL design shown.



### **Wolf's Fang Runway**

Oleg, ZS1ANF (UA1O, ex UA1PBA) is active again as ZS7ANF from Wolf's Fang Runway, Queen Maud Land, Antarctica (AN-016) until late February 2025. He will operate mainly CW on 40-10 metres. QSL via DL5EBE or RK1PWA, and LoTW.

### **RI42SP Arctic travels**

Oleg, RD1A is onboard "Severny Polyus / North Pole" and is active when time permits as RI42SP as the ship travels through various parts of the Arctic. Primarily QRV on CW & FT8 for approx end October 2025. QSL via Club Log OQRS. Position of boat using this tracker. Frank, F8DVD also mentions:

### **FT4YM Antarctica**

David, F4FKT is again active as FT4YM from two Antarctic bases until early March 2025. [Website](#)  
**FT4YM:** Base Dumont d'Urville, Petrels island AN-017.

**FT4YM/P:** Base Concordia.

QRV on HF bands when time allows outside of his working environment. QSL via F5PFP.

## **Special calls**

### **THE NEWCOMERS**

**9A, CROATIA** 9A2025HWC marks the 29th edition of the IHF World Men's Handball Championship that is being held right now until 2 February. The special callsign, however, will be in use until 30 June. QSL via LoTW; QSOs are also uploaded to QRZ Logbook and Club Log. (TNX 425DX)

**EA, SPAIN** Special callsigns **AO1WRD, AO2WRD, AO3WRD, AO4WRD, AO5WRD, AO6WRD (Balearic Islands), AO7WRD, AO8WRD** (Canary Islands) and **AO9WRD** (Ceuta and Melilla) are expected to be active on 7-16 February in celebration of World Radio Day. QSL for all callsigns direct to EA3RK. World Radio Day (13 February) was proclaimed in 2011 by the Member States of UNESCO, and adopted by the United Nations General Assembly in 2012 as an International Day. This year's theme is "Radio and Climate Change". (TNX 425DX)

**I, ITALY** II3MPL is the special callsign celebrating the 50th anniversary of ARI Merano/Meran (IQ3MP). Look for activity between 1 February and 1 May. (TNX 425DX)

**LZ, BULGARIA** Special event station **LZ75IPA** will be active throughout 2025 to celebrate the 75th anniversary of the International Police Association. QSL via Club Log's OQRS, or direct to LZ3HI. (TNX 425DX)

**OE, AUSTRIA** Celebrating the 48th FIS Alpine World Ski Championships to be held in Saalbach-Hinterglemm, Austria, special event callsign **OE2025SKI** will be in use on 4-16 February. All QSOs will be confirmed automatically via the bureau and eQSL. (TNX 425DX)

**SM, SWEDEN** On 14 March 1925, electrician and radio pioneer Sven Bernholm made history in Gavle by conducting the city's first radio broadcast under the callsign SMXF and using a homemade transmitter with 10 watts. Bernholm and Gefle Radioklubb's efforts led to nearly fifty years of local broadcasts. **SM100XF** is the callsign for Gavle Kortvagsamatorer (SK3GK) to cele-

brate this centenary during the year. The first two activations will be on 14 February (14:00-17:00 UTC) and on 14 March (10:00- 16:00 UTC). QSL via the bureau. (TNX 425DX)

**TA, TURKEY** Special callsign **TC8DX** will be active on 5-17 February to honour the memory of Mustafa Asim Ezer (TA8DX), who lost his life in the catastrophic earthquake that struck Turkey on 6 February 2023. QSL via LoTW, and certificate on <https://tadx.org/awards>. (TNX 425DX)

## **THE REMINDERS**

**9V, SINGAPORE** To mark the 60th anniversary of Singapore's independence, all members of the Singapore Amateur Radio Transmitting Society (SARTS) may substitute the prefix S60 for their usual **9V1** prefix between Jan. 1 and Aug. 9. Special events during that period are planned for introducing more young people to amateur radio, for example through cooperations with the Singapore Scout Association and the Singapore School of Science and Technology. (TNX DXNL)

**A9, BAHRAIN** Members of the Bahrain Radio Club celebrate IARU's 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary with the callsign **A9100IARU** on the first 5 days of each month in 2025. For more information see: <https://www.itu.int/hub/2024/04/world-amateur-radio-day-iaru-celebrates-a-century-of-connections/>. QSL via EC6DX. (TNX DXNL)

**DL, GERMANY DA0LH** (special DOK 25ILLW), associated with the lighship Laesoe Rende will be active throughout 2025. QSL via DK5ON (d/B), ClubLog OQRS, LoTW. (TNX DXNL)

**DL, GERMANY** The Deutsches Museum in Munich, one of the largest science and technology museums in the world (<https://www.deutsches-museum.de>), celebrates its 100th anniversary in 2025. **DL100DM** is the special callsign to be used throughout the year by the amateur radio station which is part of and regularly active from the museum's "Electronics" permanent exhibition. QSL via DL8FA. (TNX 425DX)

**DL, GERMANY** Celebrating the city of Chemnitz, one of the European Capitals of Culture for 2025, special event callsigns **DL2025C**, **DL2025B**, **DL2025E**, **DL2025S** and **DL2025W** will be active from 18 January to 31 March. All QSOs will be uploaded to eQSL, LoTW, Club Log and DCL (DARC Community Logbook); paper QSL cards will not be issued, but digital QSLs - as well as a number of certificates - will be down- loadable from the event's website. Complete information on the "2025C Ham Radio Event" can be found on <https://2025c.de/>.

**DL, GERMANY** Radio amateurs in Kamenz (DOK S22) celebrate their city's 800<sup>th</sup> anniversary with the callsign **DM800KM** (special DOK 800KM) throughout 2025. QSL info see [qrz.com](http://qrz.com). (TNX DXNL)

**F, FRANCE** Look for special event station **TM22AAW** to be on air on from 8 to 20 February 2025. Activity is to celebrate the 22th Antarctic Activity Week. All info on this event on <https://www.qrz.com/db/TM22AAW>

Operation will be made by François F8DVD from his Qth of Mâcon, east part of France, 60 km North of Lyon (JN26JH).

The new reference for WAP program is 354.

Operations will be on HF band from 10 to 40 meters.

QSL via F8DVD, Direct (SAE + 3 USD) or via Buro.

For more information about that Antarctic event, have a look to [www.waponline.it](http://www.waponline.it)

**HB9, SWITZERLAND HB20SOTA** is the special callsign for the Swiss SOTA Group (HB9SOTA) to celebrate its 20th anniversary throughout 2025. A certificate will be available, see <https://hb9sota.ch/en/> for more information. (TNX 425DX)

**I, ITALY** Throughout 2025 ARI Fidenza will use a series of special callsigns, each representing one of the many patents registered by Guglielmo Marconi between 1897 and 1926: **II4FPUS** (February), **II4SHLD** (March), **II4GHPR** (April), **II4JGGR** (May), **II4RXOS** (June), **II4COHR** (July), **II4LDMA** (August), **II4RADS** (September), **II4WLTX** (October), **II4EACC** (November) and **II4TJTB** (December). QSL via IQ4FE and LoTW. Information about the "Marconi - Patented By" award: <http://www.arifidenza.it/>.

**LA, NORWAY LA100A** is the special callsign for NRRL's Midt-Troms Gruppen (LA6M, <https://www.la6m.no/>) to use throughout 2025 to mark the 100th anniversary of the first amateur radio two-way contact between Norway and the US, made by Johannes Diesen, LA1A from Moen in Malselv municipality and UIYB at Dartmouth College, Hanover, New Hampshire (25 November 1925). QSL via the bureau, QRZ Logbook, or direct. (TNX 425DX)

**LZ, BULGARIA** Radio Club Blagovestnik (LZ1KCP) will use six special callsigns during 2025 to honour as many different Orthodox saints: **LZ403ES** (February), **LZ372SG** (March and April), **LZ286MDK** (May and June), **LZ591MK** (July and August), **LZ117ME** (September and October) and **LZ306WW** (November and December). QSL via the bureau or direct to P.O. Box 36, 4300 Karlovo, Bulgaria. Details on the "All Saints 2025 Award" can be found at <https://www.lz1kcp.com/>. (TNX 425DX)

**OH, FINLAND OF60AP** is the special callsign for members of the Central Uusimaa Radio

Amateurs Association (OH2AP) to celebrate their club's 60th anniversary throughout 2025. QSL via Club Log's OQRS. A certificate will be available, see [https://oh2ap.fi/?page\\_id=491](https://oh2ap.fi/?page_id=491). (TNX 425DX)

**OM, SLOVAKIA OM25ISS** marks the anniversary of the first Slovak astronaut, Ivan Bella, in space 25 years ago. QRV until the end of September 2025 on all bands. An award is also available: <https://www.qrz.com/db/OM25ISS>. QSL via OM8ATE. (TNX DXNL)

**PA, THE NETHERLANDS PA80OV** commemorates Operation Veritable, a part of the Market Garden operation, between Feb. 13 and 28; on Feb. 14, 15, and 16 the station will be operating in a public exhibition event in the old town hall of Gennep. For more see: <https://rclb.nl/pa80ov>. (TNX DXNL)

**PA, THE NETHERLANDS PC80TT** is the special callsign for members of VERON Leiden (PI4LDN) to celebrate the 80th anniversary of the liberation of the Nether- lands during World War II (5 May 1945). Look for activity between 1 January and 1 June. QSL via the bureau to PI4LDN. The special call- sign honours the memory of Rudolf Tappenbeck (PCTT), a pioneer of Dutch amateur radio who died in Neuengamme concentration camp on 21 December 1944. (TNX 425DX)

**ZS, SOUTH AFRICA** On 20 May 2025, the South African Radio League will celebrate its 100th anniversary. The SARL Centenary Marathon QSO Party is set to kick off for a year-long operating during 2025. Throughout the year, the SARL, with the aid of its members and associated clubs, will be on the air with a special event callsign **ZS100SARL**, as well as the permanent callsigns

**ZS6SRL** and **ZS9HQ**, and possibly other special event callsigns. A number of awards will be available, see <https://mysarl.org.za/centenary-marathon/> for more information. (TNX 425DX)